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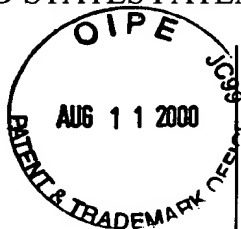
In re application of:

Derek C. Penn

Appl. No. 09/547,793

Filed: April 12, 2000

For: **A System, Method, and Computer
Program Product for Configuring
Stochastic Simulation Models in
an Object Oriented Environment**



Art Unit: 2763

Examiner: (to be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1881.0120001

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the captioned application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 7, replace "60/198,745" with --60/148,745--.

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